Legislation for holding of agricultural land

1812. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the size of holding of agricultural land is decreasing day by day and becoming unviable to earn livelihood;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to bring any legislation to fix a minimum quantum of holding of agriculture so as to make farming a viable earning; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir. The average size of holding of agricultural land has decreased from 2.28 hectares in 1970-71 to 1.41 hectares in 1995-96.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Reforms in KVK System

1813. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have called for the reforms of the Krishi Vigyan Kendra System;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this direction, so far;

(c) whether Government propose to extent the services needed to evolve and make the system contemporary in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the KVKs are providing support to farmers to build their skills and confidence;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the details of action plans of KVKs like strategic crop planning, demonstrations, exposure visits, training, gender concerns, mass media schemes, kisan call centers and agri-clinics?